

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers. The Notice refers to the omission of Fig. 3(c) mentioned on page 4 of the specification. The reference to figure 3(c) was inadvertent. The foregoing specification amendment corrects the Brief Description to refer to Figs. 3(a) and 3(b). This amendment is consistent with the Detailed Description of the Drawings at page 9, which refers only to Figs. 3(a) and 3(b).

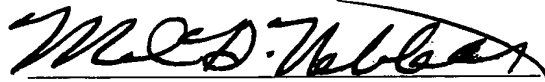
In addition, the foregoing specification amendment also corrects the Brief Description to refer to Figs. 11(a), 11(b) and 11(c) and corrects the reference to those Figs. at specification pages 28 and 29.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, P.L.L.C., Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.53949US).

Respectfully submitted,

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